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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Universal Immunization Program has not been fully implemented so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to get the maximum utilisation of this programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) The Universal Immunization Programme was launched in 1985-86 and has since been implemented, in a phased manner to all districts by 1989-90.

(c) Government has initiated activities to improve the coverage by extending support particularly, to the weakly performing States through the Immunization Strengthening Project, the Reproductive and Child Health Outreach Services, scheme and also training of State and District level officials for improving coverage and quality of Immunization Programme.The Pulse Polio Programme has made impressive progress towards eradication of Poliomyelitis in the country. The Government has recently taken a decision to commence a Pilot project on introduction of Hepatitis B vaccination in certain metropolitan cities and districts of the country.